



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 222

LCO No. 1339

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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:
(CE)

AN ACT CONCERNING A REGULATORY FAIRNESS BOARD.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established
2 within the Department of Economic and Community Development a
3 Regulatory Fairness Board which shall advise the Commissioner of
4 Economic and Community Development on matters of concern to
5 small businesses relating to the enforcement activities and regulations
6 of state agencies. Said board shall solicit input from the state's business
7 community with regard to potential regulatory reform. Said board
8 shall consist of no less than six nor more than eleven members
9 appointed by the commissioner from a list of nominees submitted by
10 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
11 cognizance of matters relating to commerce. The joint standing
12 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
13 relating to commerce shall submit nominees representing the state's
14 small business community and shall submit nominees from various
15 types of business. Said committee shall submit nominees not later than
16 ninety days after the effective date of this section.

17 (b) Initially, three members shall be appointed for a two-year term,
 18 three members for a three-year term and the remainder of the
 19 members for a four-year term. Appointments thereafter shall be for
 20 four-year terms. Any vacancy shall be filled by the commissioner for
 21 the unexpired portion of a term. The commissioner shall designate the
 22 chairperson of the board.

23 (c) Board members shall serve without compensation but shall be
 24 reimbursed for necessary expenses or services incurred in performing
 25 their duties, including the giving of testimony at any administrative
 26 hearing when requested by the commissioner.

27 (d) The board shall meet at the call of the commissioner at least four
 28 times a year.

29 (e) On or before January 1, 2013, and annually thereafter, the board
 30 shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
 31 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
 32 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce
 33 regarding the board's suggestions for regulatory reform.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a Regulatory Fairness Board within the Department of Economic and Community Development.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]